

South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Tuesday 12 March 2013

12.30 pm to 3 pm

Training Suite, Newberry Rooney Centre, Newpark Road, Hamilton

Present: John Dykes, Vice-chair (chair for this meeting), Kevin McGoldrick, Treasurer, Suban McGoldrick, Andrew Kousourou, Cathy Pettigrew, Mrs Pettigrew, Gerald Pocock, Wilma Pocock, Cathy Smith, Terry McQuade

Apologies: Eleanor Finnan, Chairperson, Karen McWilliams, Margaret Ann Prentice SPAEN, Helen Clark, Speak Out Advocacy, William Mullen, Isobel Allan, Scott Nicoll.

In Attendance: Andy Simm, Karen Frame, Both South Lanarkshire Council

Item		Action
1	Welcome Meeting commenced with the election of a chairperson for today's meeting. A Kousourou put his name forward as chair for the meeting with his nomination being seconded by K McGoldrick.	
2	E-mail Addresses/Domain for Website T McQuade raised concerns about the use of e-mail addresses on the domain website as the only person able to change individual passwords was whoever held the domain password. K McGoldrick advised that all office bearers can ask to be given main domain password to change password. Members voted to remain with the Hotmail e-mail address until further information can be obtained with regards to domain e-mail accounts. Meeting to be arranged with A Lyndsay from VASLAN regarding the website.	
3	E-mail from Cathy Pettigrew E-mail read out by A Kousourou to meeting. Members agreed that this matter had been dealt with at a previous meeting and agreed to move on to next item.	
4	Community Grant Form T McQuade passed round the letter that had been sent to C Smith from G Wilkinson from the local authority regarding the amount of funding awarded. The funding provided is to be less than applied for by £ 132 as the local authority will not fund mobile rental costs. Discussion took place on whether to appeal the decision as the phone belonged to the organisation and not an individual. It was agreed by members that C Smith would send a letter on behalf of the network to the local authority asking if the committee would reconsider their decision.	C Smith
5	Scottish Government Application regarding Bids for Funding Members agreed that a separate meeting be arranged for Wednesday 20 March 2013 at the Newberry Rooney Centre at 12.30 pm to discuss the potential bid for funding and look at completing the application form.	

6	<p>AGM Report</p> <p>AGM Report to be amended to include attendance of all who attended. Membership forms to be sent to all members. Members wishing to remain members to complete and return prior to the AGM. Members asked K Frame to forward mailing list to C Smith. C Pettigrew/J Dykes raised the issue of using teleconference for those who could not attend. C Pettigrew advised that she had been looking at costs for this.</p>	<p>K Frame</p> <p>K Frame C Smith K Frame</p>
7	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting were read and with an amendment that at Item 4, 5th paragraph "Committee Members" be deleted in its entirety. approved by K McGoldrick and seconded by W Pocock.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the eligibility of the management committee. Members raised concerns that there was no official documentation available to prove who was and who was not elected as a committee member. A Kousourou questioned those on the elected committee. A Kousourou then asked C Pettigrew if she was an elected member and when she was elected. C Pettigrew advised that she was co-opted on early last year and then a heated debate ensued. C Pettigrew left the meeting only to return to state her situation and left again.</p> <p>It was agreed all members would stand down as committee members and can re-stand for re-election at the AGM. Members agreed this course of action with no objections.</p>	
8	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>Motability J Dykes updated on the position regarding motability.</p> <p>Payment Rates J Dykes advised that he was in the process of writing the letter to the local authority on behalf of the network regarding the difference in payment rates for personal assistants and those awarded to local authority workers. J Dykes to feedback.</p> <p>Unison K Frame informed that L Rankin from Unison was working on a project that would be beneficial to both the personal assistant employer and the personal assistant and that if possible would like to attend a future meeting. Members agreed that there was no reason as to why L Rankin couldn't be invited along although no specific date was agreed.</p>	<p>J Dykes</p> <p>Members</p>
9	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next business meeting of the network will take place on Tuesday 16 April 2013 at 12.30 pm in the Newberry Rooney Centre.</p>	

Cathie Smith, Secretary

Chairman Secretary